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Alma Nelson
... unveiled original plaque

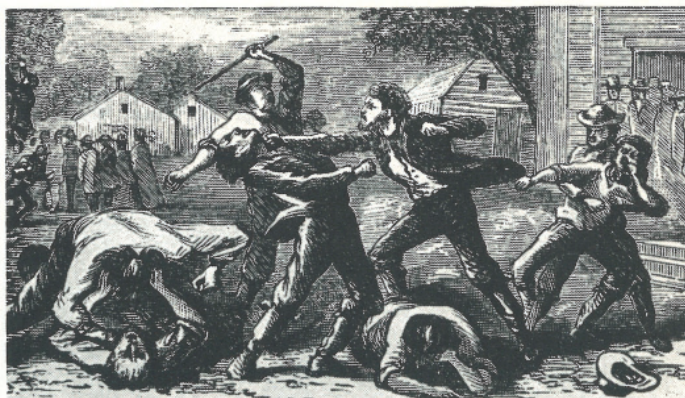
Horace A. Sorensen
... Pony Express president

Roy Davis
... donated the land

Pony Express Marker At "Faust" Dedicated By Sons of Utah Pioneers

The President's Message

By Eugene P. Watkins



Mormons Being Driven Out Of Missouri

In Appreciation

It has been an honor for me to have served the past year as the president of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. I desire to express my thanks and appreciation to all who have in any way assisted in realizing for our great society many outstanding accomplishments. Including during the past year are the following:

We were successful by Nov. 1, as scheduled, in raising the funds (\$18,000) to pay for the erection of the Mormon Battalion Monument in Presidio Park, San Diego, Calif. On Nov. 22 we presented the monument to the City of San Diego and held a most appropriate and impressive dedicatory service. Elder Mark E. Petersen offered the invocation and Pres. Hugh B. Brown gave the dedicatory prayer.

At our annual Chapter Presidents Banquet on May 1, President Joseph Fielding Smith was presented a certificate and diamond pin making him an honorary life member of SUP. The president honored us exceedingly by accepting this token of love and esteem.

On June 20 we held a fitting dedication and presentation service in connection with the Past Presidents Plaque at Pioneer Village. July 4 our society joined with the Mormon Battalion, the Pony Express and the Vernon, Utah, Ward in dedicating the recently-rebuilt Pony Express Monument at Faust, about six miles north of Vernon in Tooele County.

The Sons of Utah Pioneers are pleased and delighted to have the new Mt. Ogden Chapter as the newest link in our impressive chain of chapters. This is an outstanding group and should give our society much strength. New memberships received and former members reinstated since our last encampment have been the highest in years.

National officers made visits to numerous chapters and were received with much enthusiasm. The groups visited were found to be well organized and active.

The number of visitors to Utah Pioneer Village during the past several weeks has been most pleasing. We appreciate the excellent publicity members are giving the village in urging their friends to visit this amazing memorial center.

Our magazine "The Pioneer" has been well-received by members and the chapters have cooperated well in sending their news in for publication. We extend our thanks to all who have supported "The Pioneer" this year.

Sept. 12 will bring a change of officers into SUP and your president will pass "The Presidents Pin" to a devoted SUP member who loves the organization enough to give of his time, talent and enthusiastic spirit to our great and wonderful society. To these new officers I extend my best wishes and hearty support. May the new year be a most successful and happy one to all our good brethren in the Son of the Utah Pioneers.

Mormons Are Good Citizens

MORMONS BELIEVE that the Constitution of the United States is an inspired document. From the very beginning of the organization of the Church, women have voted on Church matters.

In the first provincial government set up by the pioneers after their arrival in the Great Salt Lake Valley (State of Deseret 1847-1850) women were also given the franchise to vote on political matters.

Thus, the Mormons as a group were among the very first in America to grant women the franchise to

vote in both religious and political affairs.

Several members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are in both houses of Congress of the United States and two are members of President Nixon's Cabinet. Mormons are also to be found in many other high government positions.

Mormons are politically tolerant to those of other faiths. Several of the governors of Utah and mayors of Salt Lake City have been non-Mormons.

—from "The Mormon Story" by Rulon Howells



Lure Of The Encampment

WONDERING if you should attend the Sons of Utah Pioneers Encampment at Kanab Sept. 10, 11 and 12? Well, ponder no longer, brother; you should be there.

Why? Five good reasons come readily to mind and more could be conjured up if pressed for further allurements. Consider these:

- It is the clearing medium for information and instruction from the national president and board to chapters which depend considerably upon centralized leadership.

- The encampment provides the ideal opportunity for chapter leaders to become acquainted with each other so they can choose intelligently their national leaders for the following year.

- It brings all the top brass together for the discussions of plans and policies of importance to the entire membership.

- The SUP Encampment provides an opportunity for the members to bring their wives together for a get-acquainted outing and vacation away from the routine of family living and giving them a chance to enjoy somebody else's cooking and housework.

- An encampment invariably results in the establishment of many true and lasting friendships and what is there in this brief life that is of greater worth than friends?

The selection of Kanab for the encampment this year was a master-stroke. Kanab is the scenic center of Utah's Dixieland, sometimes called "Little Hollywood" because of its many picturesque settings for western movies. Kanab squats in the Coral Pink Sand Dunes. It is a major travelers stop and commercial center.

Some nearby points of interest which can be visited by SUP conventioners by extending this little vacation are: Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Dixie National Monument, Sand Dunes State Park, Paria State Park, Old Paria Ghost Town, Lake Powell, Navajo Lake, Kolob Scenic Overlook, Panguitch Lake.

All-day or four-hour boat trips to various scenic spots with accompanying steak fries and entertainment have been scheduled. It would be difficult to find a place in all the land with more enticements to summer visitors. Truly, this will be a most memorial encampment.

We have presented a few reasons why you should attend the Kanab Encampment. Can you think of as many reasons why you should not?

On Being An Individual

IN ONE of our military hospitals, two American GIs lay side by side badly wounded. One said, "I don't care whether I come through this thing or not. I am sick of war, guns, grenades, bombs, hospitals, of the world and everything and everybody."

"I feel much like that myself," said the other, "and yet there is a girl back home who is praying that I will get back. She cares!"

To feel that someone needs you and is depending upon you, and has belief in and affection for you is to experience a rebirth of resolution and desire. This is a powerful weapon in support of our fighting men "sick of war and of the world."

A letter from a serviceman to his "Mormon" bishop read: "When the mail came in yesterday we all gathered for the happy occasion. When one of my buddies opened his letter, he turned pale, grasped the door handle of a jeep and looked as though he had seen an apparition. Presently he beckoned me to his side and handed me a letter from his wife. This is how it began: Dear.....: At last I have found someone I love more than you. I want a divorce. All I want is our baby. . .

I do not think I ever saw a man hit so hard, not even by shrapnel. Yet, this is going on all the time over here. It happens to couples who have taken their religion for granted. They have not been taught the principles of the Gospel or the true meaning of marriage, not to mention loyalty and devotion to country. I have advised my buddy to not answer his wife's letter for awhile. I would like to hold that woman up to the country as an example of the highest type of sabotage."

Frequently church leaders receive letters from servicemen overseas, pleading with these authorities to teach the girls at home to old fast to the ideals for which their boyfriends and husbands are risking their lives. A betrayal of this trust on the part of either is certain to result in doubt, gloom and despondency—all effective tools of the adversary in destroying confidence and self-respect.

SWEET REVENGE — A school teacher was given a ticket for driving through a stop sign. This called for her appearance in traffic court the following Monday morning. She went at once to the judge, explaining that she had to teach on Monday, and asked for an immediate hearing on her case.

"So you're a schoolteacher," said the judge. "Madam, your presence here fulfills a long-standing ambition of mine. You sit down at that table and write: 'I went through a stop street, five hundred times.'"

Presidents Plaque Dedicated at Pioneer Village

Commemorating the services of former presidents of the National Society, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, an artistic and imposing plaque bearing the names and the years served by these leaders, was unveiled at Pioneer Village on Saturday, May 20. A sundown service was presented under the direction of Kenneth P. Rasmussen, chairman of the SUP Trails & Landmarks Committee.

Of the 28 past presidents, 13 were present. Four other living presidents were unable to attend.

Despite the heat on a near-record May afternoon, the service went off with neatness and aplomb. Opening the exercises was the posting of the colors by the Mormon Battalion under the direction of Col. Marvin E. Smith. The invocation was offered by Mayor Verl Dixon of Provo.

A musical program by The Children of the Establishment, a mixed chorus with string instrumental accompaniment, was enthusiastically received. The group specializes in patriotic American songs and encounters no difficulty putting over their message.

The plaque was unveiled by Immediate Past President Ray Knell and Executive Secretary T. Mack Wooley. Horace A. Sorensen, former SUP president and presently president of Pony Express, paid eloquent tribute to the former presidents.

Eugene P. Watkins, president of SUP accepted the plaque and a most inspiring dedicatory prayer was spoken by Lorenzo B. Summerhays, a former president and now national treasurer. (Full text of the prayer is given on the following page).

President Sorensen was host to the gathering in the newly-air-conditioned Village Auditorium, in a barbequed luncheon. Incidentally, Mr. Sorensen also donated the printed programs for the occasion.

Special guests included Mrs. Lawrence Epperson, widow of the founder of SUP, and her daughter Mr. Bruce McQuarrie, who posed for a photo by the statue of the founder. About 250 attended the program and luncheon.

— H.H.J.



—Cal Briggs Photo

Kenneth P. Rasmussen, chairman of the SUP Trails & Landmarks Committee, views the huge plaque which memorializes the former presidents of the Sons of Utah Pioneers which was dedicated May 1 at Pioneer Village. Mr. Rasmussen was promoter and producer of the plaque project.

Trekkers Convene In Annual Reunion

Burt Bigler was chosen head of the SUP Centennial Trakkers for their annual reunion in 1972, succeeding Parley P. Giles who presided over the election party held July 22 at Pioneer Village.

Chosen as committee members for the observance next year were: Acel Richardson, Horace P. Beesley, E. Alburn Shields and Dr. Charles A. Munns. Ralph G.

Smith was elected secretary-treasurer.

Pres. and Mrs. Spencer W. Kimball, and Elder and Mrs. Willard S. Smith were special guests. The Mugleston Family of child musicians provided a musical program. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Giles, born in 1947, and called their "Centennial Baby" played organ numbers.

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Dedicatory Prayer For SUP Past Presidents' Plaque

Delivered at Pioneer Village, June 30, 1970 By Lorenzo B. Summerhays

Pur Father which art in Heaven:

We have come this day to honor the Utah Pioneers; that stalwart and courageous multitude whose lives were wholly dedicated unto thee and to thy kingdom of this earth. Our Pioneers who were gathered from the nations through thy prophet, Joseph Smith, who prophesied of their exodus to these valleys and of their building of this vast western garden. Our pioneers who followed over prairies and deserts and forbidding mountains thine appointed leader Brigham Young.

Our pioneers who struggled against the storms and adversities of nature, the hostilities of the Indian tribes, the terrors of howling wild animals in the loneliness of night, and above all the hunger and the disease and the hand of death itself, all of which tortured their bodies and distressed their souls as they pressed onward to the tops of these everlasting mountains.

All of these memories are ever with us in our emotions and our solemn meditations. For our pioneers and their mighty accomplishments, the results of which we here enjoy, we give unto thee this day our heartfelt and overflowing appreciation.

Fires of Admiration

To perpetuate this gratitude and love in the hearts and lives of the descendants of this noble multitude, The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers has been organized and to the honor of the pioneers is dedicated. As its members we are charged to continually kindle and rekindle



*Lorenzo B. Summerhays
... gives dedicatory prayer*

the fires of admiration for the heroism and unity of purpose which they embodied in their lives and through which they wrought their valiant deeds and built their vast monuments. That we are their sons and heirs is an honor beyond expression and of inestimable worth.

There are those who have been called to serve as leaders and presidents of The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. These have, in their own time and way, given of themselves and their talents and their means to the perpetuation of the memory of our pioneers. As a memorial to them and their efforts there has been prepared and placed this lasting bronze plaque on which has been inscribed the names of those who have thus served and on which there is provision for the inscription of the

names of those who will yet serve as the years come and pass away.

Art and Beauty

We are grateful for this piece of art and beauty and for those who have designed it and have had it prepared. We mention particularly our fellow-member and friend, Kenneth Rasmussen, whose untiring efforts have brought this memorial to fruition. We dedicate his plaque to thy kind-keeping and invoke thy blessings for its preservation through the years to come.

In this dedication we do not so much honor the men who have served as presidents; rather we honor their good services in the furtherance of our lasting and worthy cause. May this be the message to those who view this memorial. As they contemplate its purpose, wilt thou instill into their very souls that the sacred mission of our pioneers was entirely to thy name's honor and glory. Wilt thou plant in their hearts an unquenchable determination to assume in their own lives a responsibility to thee and a devotion to the fulfillment of thy purposes in the earth.

May we who are the Sons of Utah Pioneers, prosper in thy service, receive of thy love and approbation, and leave to our posterity worthy monuments with which they will be blessed as we are now blessed by the deeds of our pioneers forefathers.

To this end, Heavenly Father, we now render unto thee our thanks, our devotion and our lives in the name of thy son, Jesus Christ, Amen.

—Lorenzo B. Summerhays

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Plaque In Pioneer Village Honors These SUP Presidents

"Men to match our mountains," might possibly be a proper epitaph for the valiant men who organized, nurtured and projected the mighty image of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, since its inception in 1933. It was altogether fitting and in good taste to dedicate a beautiful plaque to these splendid leaders.

A thumb-nail sketch of each of these national presidents follows:

Lawrence T. Epperson: founder of the Sons of Utah Pioneers 1933-34-35 and 1940-41, and president these years; strong-minded man who never gave up once he started a project; his last contribution to SUP was playing in the Mormon Battalion drum corps in the July 24 parade; director Salt Lake Luncheon Club.

Nephi L. Morris: president SUP in 1936; originated idea of the trek across the plains for the 1947 Centennial Celebration; directed the "Covered Wagon to Denmark" project; stake president and ran for governor of Utah.

Richard H. Wooton: president SUP in 1937; founded the Pioneer Magazine, with help of Judge George A. Goates, as editor; launched idea of converting automobile into "covered wagons" for the trek; had charge of Bureau of Identification at State Capitol where he set aside a room for SUP national officers.

Herbert S. Auerbach: A man of vast wealth and great love for the pioneers, although not a member of the Mormon faith; put the SUP on its feet financially, especially the magazine; the only Jew, with the exception of Governor Simon Bamberger, who ever took part in the activities of the SUP.

Don B. Colton: Utah congressman, succeeded Mr. Auerbach as SUP chieftain. His prestige and dynamic drive added much to the society.

Galen S. Young: Presided over society in 1940; helped organize Salt Lake County SUP and started Salt Lake Luncheon Club; has written history of this club which has been published monthly in "Voice of The Pioneer," a real enthusiast and an eloquent speaker.

Harold H. Jensen: Presently national historian; brought SUP back to life after World War II with organization of chapters in Ogden, Logan, Brigham City, Tooele, Lehi and other places.

Wendell J. Ashton: Took over the Centennial Trek and the leadership of the society for 1947, after being chosen in 1946; a great organizer and high-power promoter, he brought back to life the original trek of the pioneers, old-fashioned costumes, beards and 70 "covered wagon" cars in a massive caravan; popular speaker for SUP banquets.

Rulon S. Draney: President in 1948; carried leadership of society to Weber

County for first time; promoted Pioneer Magazine intensely and persuaded printer to turn it out gratis; backed Mormon Battalion treks; rain, hail or snow, held National Board monthly meetings at Ogden.

Judge Jesse P. Rich: (1949) the "patriarch of SUP"; organized the Cache Valley chapters; led Mormon Battalion unit in Cache Valley always riding a beautiful white horse; loved to dance; his work with the Temple Quarry Chapter most outstanding; judge, justice of the peace and still active in SUP.

Fred E.H. Curtis: Served two terms as SUP chieftain; most popular and loveable gentleman; commanding officer Mormon Battalion on trek to California and Arizona in 1950; president Salt Lake Chapter and brilliant historian; excellent writer and speaker.

Ernest R. McKay: (1950) He was one of the hardest workers of the presidents. He helped launch the Mormon Battalion as well as Ogden's Pioneer Days.

Richard A. Lambert: (1952) Did most of the travel arrangements and footwork for SUP treks and outings; splendid organizer and promoter; organized and kept working with Sugar House Chapter; great help to Horace Sorensen in organizing Pioneer Village.

Nicholas G. Morgan, Sr. (1955) Elected president when the big problem was finances; bought equipment; paid bills and gave some great socials for the society in a superb fellowship service; responsible mostly for the Colonel Jackling Stature in the Capitol rotunda.

Horace A. Sorensen (1954-55) — The motivating spirit of SUP throughout the years; excellent executive, generous donor; museum founder and world-renowned curator; founded Corinne Railroad Museum; his lady Ethel his No. 1 inspiration and never hesitates to open her spacious home for SUP functions; regarded as "Mr. SUP" of the generation; chief sponsor and booster for the Pioneer Magazine.

Carl J. Christensen: (1956-57) Dr. Christensen was head of the Chemistry Dept. of the U. of U. and dean of the School of Mines while still active in SUP. Had charge of research at Dugway Proving Grounds. Served as president of the Salt Lake SUP Chapter.

Karl B. Hale (1958) — A kindly, gentle, gracious man who shunned the spotlight; generous to a fault; helped with many projects, especially in helping to build Pioneer Village; with gracious Lady Delsa, visited chapters in all SUP areas, encouraging, directing and giving.

Earl A. Hansen (1959) — A big man with a big heart and great love for SUP; busy traveler for the society, making many trips to California; organized the advertising department of The Pioneer; a guiding beacon light to the Cache Valley SUPs in all their activities and membership of the National Board.

Arthur W. Grix (1960) — Pres. Grix had charge of the National Encampment at St. George while on his honeymoon; Mormon Battalion won top prize in a number of parades under sponsorship of Pres. Grix, including the St. George Centennial event; did outstanding work in fellowshipping the chapters.

D. Crawford Houston (1961) — Directed Cedar City Convention, where delegates visited the grave of John D. Lee and scene of the Mountain Meadow Massacre; former president Southern California Mission; still active in SUP activities in Salt Lake City.

Vasco M. Tanner (1962) — Member of State Legislature who still had time for SUP leadership duties; had Dr. Gustave O. Larsen write "Brief History of the SUP"; prime booster for Mormon Battalion; headed outstanding encampment at Provo in 1962.

Lorenzo B. Summerhays (1963) — The financial genius of SUP, still serving as national treasurer; along with his charming and devoted wife, wrote a pageant that made history in Mesa, Ariz.; under Lorenzo's sponsorship the Mormon Battalion won the Tucson Sweepstakes Cup and its mammoth parade; visits many chapters and a most welcome guest at many chapter dinners.

George B. Everton (1964) — Now in England on a mission with his wife; headed the encampment at Logan and printed gratis many programs and brochures for the SUP; during his administration the Life Membership program was developed to bring considerable funds into the society.

J. Rulon Morgan (1965) — A brilliant lawyer and one not too proud to play the trumpet for the Mormon Battalion; gave display of his own art collection at Provo Citizens Center; taken part in many treks and was grand marshal in California's Gold Discovery Parade; his Provo Encampment set a new high for breath-taking entertainment and mass enthusiasm; presently adjutant general on the National Board.

Milton V. Backman (1966) — A busy attorney who always found time for the Sons of the Utah Pioneers; legal and financial advisor to Horace Sorensen at Pioneer Village; took part in all the treks and trails projects; headed encampment with headquarters at Pioneer Village; launched practice of giving certificates of appreciation to retiring SUP presidents.

Francis L. Christensen (1967) — The entire membership of SUP was saddened by the recent death of this wonderful man; directed the Brigham City Encampment, one of the red-letter events in the society's history; sponsored SUP visit to the Indian School at Brigham City, a memorable feature of the conclave.

Ray Knell (1968) — Cedar City motel owner who made history by serving as

... list of SUP presidents
(see *PRESIDENTS*, next page)



—Cal Briggs Photo

Former SUP presidents at Dedication: Front—Horace A. Sorensen, Carl J. Christensen, Earl A. Hansen, Vasco M. Tanner, Lorenzo J. Summerhays,

J. Rulon Morgan. Rear—Gaylen S. Young, Harold H. Jenson, Richard A. Lambert, Milton V. Backman, Ray Knell and Eugene P. Watkins (incumbent).

PRESIDENTS

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head of the program committee at the dedication of the \$18,000 San Diego Mormon Battalion Monument in San Diego; probably made a dozen trips to San Diego planning for this historic event; chief pusher in securing the priceless Conway Parry museum collection at Cedar City.

Eugene P. Watkins (1969 — Insurance executive whose chief task was to raise \$18,000 for the San Diego monument to the Mormon Battalion; few thought it could not be done but Eugene turned in more than \$19,000 from his skillful campaign; had the battalion take part in the colorful dedication.

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First Ladies Of SUP Founder: Special guests at the dedication of the Former Presidents Plaque at Pioneer Village were Mrs. Lawrence P. Epperson, right; wife of the SUP founder and daughter Mrs. Bruce McQuarrie with bust of Mr. Epperson which is on display at the village.

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Our Readers Write

A Pleasant Hour On Temple Square

I am a host at the Visitor's Center on Temple Square in Salt Lake City. The following is a conversation I had with a black man that came to the center about one month ago. He was a perfect gentleman, well educated, using perfect English and immaculate in appearance. He asked me to answer a few questions about the LDS Church, which I was pleased to do.

He first asked me to explain the church welfare program, because he was in government service. I spent about 30 minutes answering this question and other questions on other principles of our belief.

From our discussion I had learned he had read the scriptures and knew them. I asked him if he had read about the 12 Tribes of Israel; to this he said yes. I then asked him if he had read that they were the chosen people of God. To this he said yes. I then asked him if he had read that only one of those 12 tribes had ever held the priesthood of God. To this he said yes. Only the tribe of Levi. I then asked him if he had read anywhere in the Old Testament of the other 11 Tribes of Israel ever objecting to only one of the 12 tribes holding the priesthood of God? To this question he smiled and said no and to be honest he had never even thought about that condition.

I asked him if he had ever read where the Lord told Isaiah that

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Isaiah's ways were not His ways and His ways were not Isaiah's ways, and the Lord's ways were higher than Isaiah's ways. (Isaiah 55:8-9)

He then asked if black people can be baptized into the LDS Church? To this I said yes and told him that we had recently baptized a family living in one of the finest sections of our city. He said for five years he had wanted to have this conversation with someone of our church and this had been one of the happiest hours of his life. He put his arm around me and we shook hands and left the center.

The Master, when he chose his 12 apostles, said, "You have not chosen me but I have chosen you and ordained you." (John 15:16)

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Gala Program Readied For SUP and Battalion Visitors

By Col. Marvin E. Smith

A new surge of patriotism in the century-old community of Kanab, Utah, may be one worthy side-effect of the SUP National Encampment on September 11 and 12. The local SUP Chapter will team with Mormon Battalion members to present a flagpole for the town park which adjoins the Stake Center, it is announced by John M. Burgoyne, chapter president and Col. Fred M. Reese, battalion officer and chapter encampment chairman.

Provo Mayor Verl G. Dixon, general convention chairman, recently returned from a survey trip to Kane County and gives an optimistic report of the enthusiastic activity of the committees which are planning for the reception of SUP members from all parts of Utah and neighboring states.

Board Meeting

Mayor Dixon is preparing a printed schedule of the two-day encampment for the convenience of all as they arrive in Kanab. Incidentally, a short board meeting will be held Saturday morning at 8:30, followed by the SUP business session at 10.

Mormon Battalion Day business meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Kanab Stake Center as a part of the SUP encampment. The Ladies of the Battalion will meet at the same hour. Uni-

forms and pioneer dresses are in order for the Presidents Banquet and Military Ball Saturday evening.

Send Reservations

Reservations for the multiple activities should be sent immediately to John M. Burgoyne, chapter president, Kanab, Utah. Registration forms are available from the various chapter presidents or from

T. Mack Woolley, 2998 S. Conner St., Salt Lake City.

Prices for the various excursions are found on the accompanying registration form.

Let us all take part in this convention in this scenic wonderland and honor our President Eugene P. Watkins at the conclusion of his most memorable and triumphant administration.

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THE DESERET TELEGRAPH

At a special conference of the Church held April 10, 1865, it was agreed to build a telegraph line throughout the settlements of Utah. Members of the Church were called upon to assist in the undertaking. Between the year 1865 and 1867, 500 miles of line were constructed at a cost \$150 per mile.

Proselytes From Europe

Between the year 1847 and 1856, fifty-nine companies of emigrants, comprising 17,000 converts, sailed from European shores, bound for Utah. Five thousand others had emigrated previously making a total of 22,000 persons from abroad who had joined the Church through the preaching of the Mormon missionaries.

THE MORMON BATTALION ON THE MARCH

Dedication And Parades Keep 'Grand Old Troop' Busy

*By Col. Marvin E. Smith
Commander Mormon Battalion*

The Mormon Battalion continues to support and participate with SUP in many civic and historic events. Several recent activities gave us the opportunity to honor our flag and our country.

Pioneer Village was the scene of the unveiling of the Presidents Plaque with the dedicatory prayer by Lorenzo B. Summerhays. Horace A. Sorensen gave a tribute to the past national presidents and Pres. Eugene P. Watkins accepted the bronze marker for the SUP. Uniformed men posting the colors were Marvin E. Smith and two of his sons, Stewart and Scott.

Also chairman of another unveiling, this time near Vernon, Tooele County, Kenneth P. Rasmussen presented another outstanding program. The entire community participated. Eldred G. Smith, patriarch to the Church gave the dedicatory prayer for the Faust Pony Express marker.

National Historian Harold H. Jensen was the featured speaker with Bp. Deverial Frederickson. Horace A. Sorensen, a Pony Express official, accepted the marker. Uniformed men on duty included Capt. M. Verne Thurber, Richard Bissell, William Erickson, Charles Pomeroy, Kenneth P. Rasmussen, Col. Harold H. Jensen, Veron Curtis, Jay Cox, Otto Duke and Marvin E. Smith.

Sunrise Service

President Byron L. Turner of the SUP Pioneer Chapter conducted the ever popular Sunrise Service at Lindsey Gardens July 24. He was assisted by J. Rees Jensen and Warren B. Davis. Elder Loren C. Dunn was a warm and inspiring speaker. A special feature of the morning program was Mary Goodman and her pink-gowned DUP Chorus who presented several beautiful songs. Col. Ray L. Alston was in charge of the flag ceremony. He was assisted by Lt. S. Roy Chipman, Allen S. Crow and Marvin E. Smith.

The Battalion was asked to be

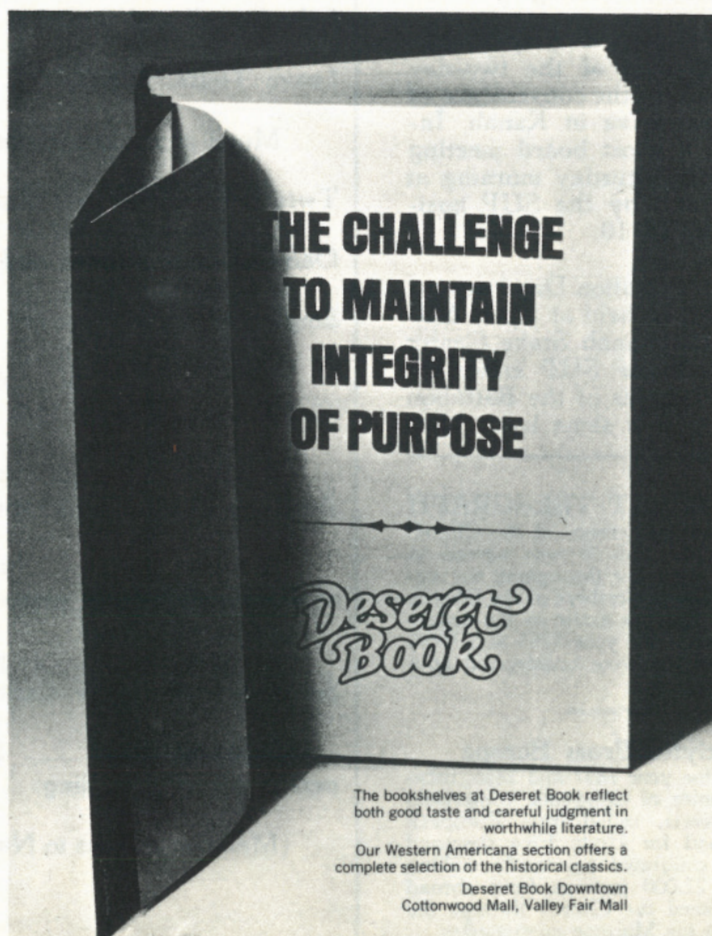


*In Brighton Parade
... Charles E. Pomeroy, Irene
Smith and Marvin E. Smith with
flags.*

the color bearers at the second annual Brighton Parade held as part of the Days of 47 Celebration on Saturday, July 25. Charles E. Pomeroy and Marvin E. Smith filled the assignment. They were joined in the parade by Irene Smith and Mabel Davidson in Pioneer dresses.

California Visitors

Two members of the Sierra (Calif.) Chapter, and Battalion visited in Utah recently. Both were instrumental in taking the Mormon Battalion to Coloma, Calif. for a parade during Gold Discovery Days. Bishop Duane B. Ford plans to return to his home town of Kanab for the SUP Encampment in September. Mance Vaught of Placerville is visiting Utah and Idaho prior to traveling Church historical trails across the continent to gather data for an Encyclopedia of Church Landmarks.



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106-Year History Of Salt Lake's Old Council House

At the head (north end) of State Street on Capitol Hill, Salt Lake City, is the Council House — old City Hall. One of the west's most historic buildings, this venerable sandstone structure was built in 1864-65 on First South Street, between State Street and 2nd East.

It was dedicated in 1866 and served for some 30 years as the seat of government of Salt Lake City and of Utah Territory. Many momentous events in the history of Utah saw their birth in this building.

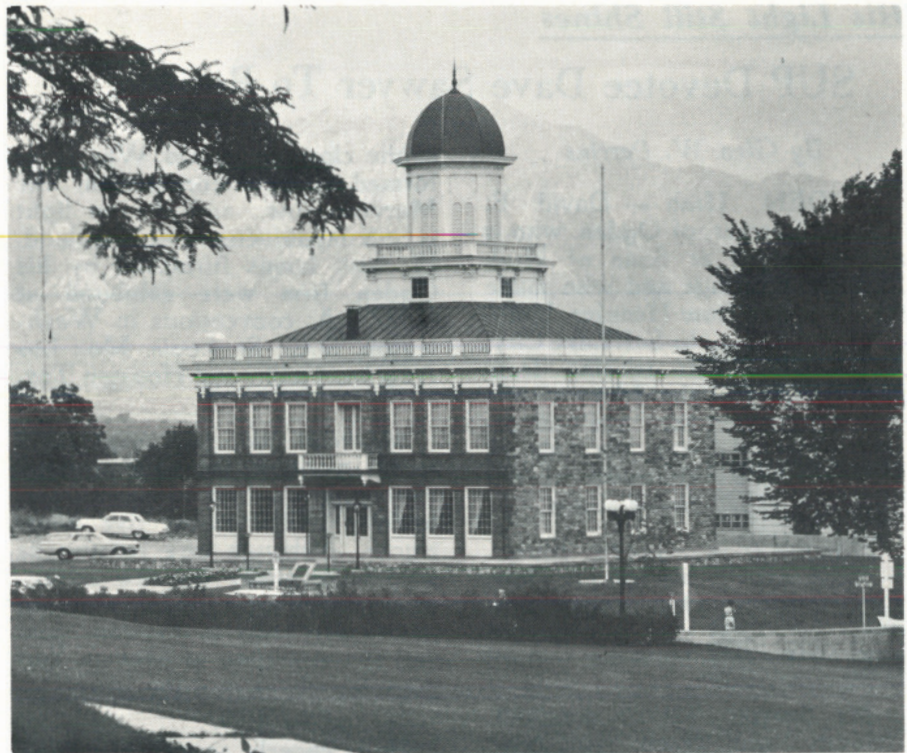
After completion of the present City and County Building in 1894, the Council House was used by various city agencies until 1961, when it was dismantled to provide space for the new Federal Building.

Reconstructed on its present site in 1962-63, the Council House is now a historic shrine and headquarters of the Utah Tourist and Publicity Council.

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Historians Pick Seven Utah Culture Sites

Seven more sites have been added to Utah's Historic Sites Register by the Utah Historic and Cultural Sites Review Committee as a result of a meeting at the Utah Historical Society offices, 603 East South Temple on

July 8, 1970.

A surprise move was the nomination of historic Saltair as a historic site. The question as to whether this once-nationally renowned lake edifice, the grand old "Lady of the Lake", is to be restored or razed, has been debated for several years.

Melvin T. Smith, preservation officer for the society, reported that the decision requested by Saltair, Inc. was delayed pending further study of the resorts historic significance and whether or not it is to be restored. Committee members indicated general approval of the nomination.

Other sites added to the state register include:

Cache County — Old Cache County Courthouse, Logan LDS Temple barn and the Scott home, 193 W. 1st North, Logan.

Davis County — West Layton LDS Chapel.

Utah County — Old Nunn power plant, Provo Canyon, and Olmstead power plant and school, mouth of Provo Canyon.

The committee approved a proposition to enable local groups to raise from \$75 to \$100 to pay for aluminum markers for the sites selected. Following the July meeting the state register tally was 84 approved sites with 30 on the national register.



106-Year History Old Old Council House

His Light Still Shines

SUP Devotee Dave Sawyer To Retire

By Glen W. Perrins

OGDEN, Utah — David F. "Dave" Sawyer, of Ogden, who is always found at Sons of Utah Pioneers meetings and who made the SUP trek from Henefer, Utah,



to Salt Lake City, is retiring from the Marveon, Inc., but will retain the title of chairman of the board status.

Jerry Brown, his son-in-law, will become general manager of Marveon, named after S U P

Mr. Sawyer Dave's daughter, "Marva," and "Neon," and Norman Sawyer, Dave's son, will be engineer and purchasing controller, reports SUP Dave, whose experiences in the sign business read like a Horatio Alger story.

"SUP Dave" was a cowboy in Southern Idaho (Strevell area) when he decided to go to Salt Lake City and seek his fortune as a sign man. He registered with the Peterson Sign Co. and became a journeyman on gold leaf lettering and pictorial art, and between 1923 and 1929 he sold signs throughout Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska.

He was married to Bessie Butler, his life time partner.

Five Dimensions

His sign company was known as Neon Displays, Inc. and installed a branch plant at Casper, Wyo., and became general manager there. Later he started a neon sign plant at Rock Springs, Wyo., and developed five different inventions pertaining to neon signs: color change shadow cases, the parabolical revolving color change units, the balanced spectrum coil neon lamps, and his permanent opaque and split parabola reflections.

New Corporation

He moved back to Ogden and

at the close of World War II he formed a new corporation, the Marveon, Inc., and the jet light is now manufactured at Highland, Ill. with lamps furnished by his Ogden firm were exhibited at N.W.E.A. conventions in Washington, D.C., St. Louis, Mo.; Los Angeles, Calif., and Houston Tex.

Marveon, Inc., now employs 55 to 60 workers the year around, maintaining a four to six months' backlog and running five boom trucks. Although he's retiring he says he is ready for new adventures, including a golden wedding anniversary trip to Hawaii, gold and silver mining in Mexico, and more travels around the world!

He is eagerly anticipating more SUP treks, and more neon signs—he may be retiring but his signs continue to shine on!

Sunrise, July 24 Service Popular

The largest Pioneer Day Sunrise Service in many years, more than 300 in attendance, heard Pres. Loren C. Dunn extol the faith and accomplishments of the Mormon Pioneers in the traditional gathering in Lindsay Gardens.

The Daughters of the Pioneers Chorus, under the direction of Mary Goodman, whose late husband was a member of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, provided appropriate numbers.

Elder Dunn admonished descendants of the Mormon pioneers to keep alive the heritage of these worthy forebears. The meetings annually is sponsored by the Pioneer Chapter of SUP.

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Chapter Eternal

Glenn G. Smith

Glenn Groesbeck Smith, 76, prominent Salt Lake City SUP member, died June 19 in a Salt Lake City hospital after a short illness.

He was former President of the Texas-Louisiana Mission of the LDS Church and the Wells Stake Mission. He had served in a bishopric and a stake high council. In business life he was a long-time state employee and a funeral director.

Mr. Smith was known best perhaps, as an all-time, all-state basketball star with the old LDS High School and college teams. At six feet, six inches tall, he is believed to be the tallest man to play basketball for this school.

He was born Sept. 19, 1893 at Manasa, Colo. in the same town and about the same time as Jack Dempsey. He married Christy Johnson, June 25, 1919 in the Salt Lake Temple.

Survivors: widow; sons, S. Glenn, Sandy; Lyman E., Salt Lake City; Larry D., Murray; Ralph J., Santa Clara, Calif.; 25 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren; sisters, Elisabeth Rex, Randolph; Josephine, Salt Lake City.

The funeral service was held June 22 in the North Seventeenth Ward Chapel in Salt Lake City and interment was in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

Lauren E. Crookston

Lauren E. Crookston, 74, member of the Temple Fork Chapter Sons of the Utah Pioneers, died March 15, 1970 in a Logan, Utah hospital of natural causes.

Mr. Crookston was a veteran of World War I, serving as a second lieutenant of infantry. He was an active scout worker and won the Silver Beaver Award. He was field man for the Amalgamated Sugar Company. He was a graduate of Utah State University and member of the 1980 Rocky Mountain Conference championship football and all-conference award winner.

An active church worker, Mr. Crookston served as bishop of the Logan Sixth Ward and previously had served as a missionary in

the Western States Mission. He was group leader in the Logan Stake High Priests quorum and a temple and genealogical worker. He was a member of the Logan 14th Ward at the time of his death.

Survivors: widow; daughters, Mrs. David (Gayle) Miller, La-Crescenta, Calif.; Mrs. Keith (Joan) Hughes, Ucon, Idaho; Mrs. Richard (Laurina) Lundberg, Orange, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; brothers, sisters, Mrs. Jean Kain, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Lucille Peterson, Newel, Jr., both North Logan; Mrs. Alice Shaw, Logan; Spencer, Dayton, Idaho; Mrs. Ira (Edna) Terry, Sacramento, Calif.

Funeral services were held in the Hall Mortuary Chapel in Logan and burial was in the Logan City Cemetery.

William O. Facer

William O. Facer, 85, Provo, Utah, devoted SUP member and worker, died July 16 in a Provo hospital of a heart ailment.

He was an employee of Provo City for 34 years, as sexton, water chief, and superintendent of streets. He retired in 1961.

Active in community affairs, he was a member of the Cougar Club, and other groups sponsoring BYU athletics and Provo City recreation.

In Church work he was bishop of the Provo Fifth Ward from 1929 to 1939 and a member of the Utah Stake High Council, 15 years. He served on a mission to the Samoan and Tonga Islands.

Mr. Facer was born Dec. 3, 1884 in Willard City, Utah, a son of William J. and Caroline Williams Facer. He married Olive Esther Harding, Sept. 13, 1911 in the Salt Lake Temple.

Survivors: widow; sons, daughters, Blaine H., Provo; Mack H., Oakland, Calif.; Mrs. W. H. (Alice) Seiter, Heber; Mrs. Ralph (Ruth) Andrus, Spanish Fork; 18 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; brothers, sisters, Vance, Morro Bay, Calif.; Moyle, Malad, Idaho; Parker, Ogden; Mrs. Lorenzo (Chloe) Bailey, Pocatello; Mrs. George (May) Marsh, Mrs. Henry (Eliza) Burbank, both of Brigham City.

The funeral was held in the Provo Eighth Ward and burial was in the Provo City Cemetery.



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CUSTER'S LAST STAND**How Tragedy Was Reported And A Legend Born**

By Jack Gilhooly
(In SDX's Quill Magazine)

On June 25, 1876, General George Custer and his men attacked a Sioux Indian camp in the American Northwest. During the ensuing fight, which would come to be known as the Battle of the Little Big Horn, Custer and his men were massacred. Although United States troops had been fighting Indians in the Northwest for years before Custer's attack, this was to be the battle that would be best remembered of all those in the Indian wars.

How did people living in the 38 states of the United States hear of the attack?

How fast was news of the disaster relayed to them? How was the legend of General George Custer born?

News of the massacre was slow in spreading because all United States troops in the attack were killed. No survivors were found to tell what happened. It was days before governmental officials and newspapermen received their first word of the battle. On July 3 the Washington *Evening Star* reported that Army officials at Little Big Horn were concerned because a regiment had not been heard from. The New Orleans *Daily Picayune* published the same story July 4.

Most Americans probably thought little about the report. They had their minds on something else—the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Large and small celebrations were being held across the country in commemoration of the historic event, which the nation had looked forward to for years. It's no wonder, then, that newspapers published immediately before and after July 4 were dominated by news of the celebrations.

Newspaper writers for the Helena (Mont.) *Herald* and the Salt Lake City *Times* sent out the first dispatchs on the Custer disaster via telegraph. Both correspondents obtained their information from Muggins Taylor, a scout for General Gibbon. When the first word of the disaster came through, many newspapers buried the news inside



Custer's Last Stand

because the first few pages were devoted to Independence Day celebrations and advertising. The San Francisco *Chronicle* published this account on Page 3 of its July 6, 1876, edition under a one-column headline:

INDIAN BUTCHERY
The Gallant Custer Killed
Five Companies of Regulars
Exterminated
Little Column Annihilated
A Brave Charge from which not a
Man Returned.
Indians Subsequently Put to
Flight.

(Special Dispatches to Chronicle)

SALT LAKE, July 5 — The special correspondent of the Helena (Montana) *Herald* writes:

STILLWATER (Mont.), July 2 — Muggins Taylor, scout for General Gibbons, got here last night, directly from Little Horn River. General Custer found the Indian camp of about 2000 lodges on Little Horn and immediately attacked the camp. Custer took five companies and charged the thickest portion of the camp. Nothing is known of the operation of

the operations of this detachment, only as they are

TRACED BY THE DEAD

Major Reno commanded the other seven companies, and attacked the lower portion of the camp. The Indians poured in a murderous fire from all directions. The greater portion fought on horseback. Custer, his two brothers, nephew and brother-in-law were all killed, and not one of his detachment escaped. Two hundred and seven men were buried in one place, and the number of

KILLED ESTIMATED AT 300

With only 31 wounded. The Indians surrounded Reno's command and held them for one day in the hills, cut off from water, until Gibbons' command came in sight, when they broke in the night and left. The Seventh fought like tigers and were overcome by mere brute force. The Indian loss cannot be estimated, as they bore off and cached most of their killed. The remnant of the Seventh Cavalry and Gibbons' command are returning to the mouth of Little

(see CUSTER'S, next page)

CUSTER'S LAST STAND

Battle Of The Little Big Horn

(continued from preceding page)

Horn, where a steamboat lies. . .

The Washington *Evening Star* published the same report July 6, and the Atlanta *Constitution* printed it July 7. But there were discrepancies between the facts in the *Chronicle's* version, and the *Evening Star* and the *Constitution*. The *Chronicle* said there were 2,500 to 3,00 warriors. The other account reported 2,500 to 4,000. The *Chronicle* said Custer attacked a camp of "about 2,000 lodges," while the other version said there were "about "twenty-five lodges."

Writing Style

The writing style was a far cry from today's modified summary lead that is designed to reveal the most important facts first. The reader of 1876 learned that Custer found the Indian camp and attacked it, and then he was told that "nothing is known of the operations of this detachment only as they trace it by the dead." Finally it was disclosed that Custer, his relatives and his men were killed. At one point the Salt Lake City reporter added a bit of interpretation: "The situation now looks serious."

Editors realized that the story made fascinating reading and that it represented a disaster of major proportions. The *Chronicle* commented on the battle in an editorial July 6 headlined "Slaughter Custer and His Command." It called the news "a blood-curdling tale of horror. The news of the death of Custer and the utter annihilation of his little band of heroes he led against . . . the Sioux will be read throughout the country with the painful interest and the thrilling emotion inspired by the most awful tragedies of history. It matters little now where the responsibility for the commencement of hostilities rests, the result must inevitable be the destruction of the Sioux . . ."

A Poke At Grant

The Atlanta *Constitution*, a staunchly Democratic newspaper, could not resist the opportunity to poke fun at President Grant's Re-

publican administration, particularly since it was an election year. In a column of editorial notes on the left side of page one, the *Constitution* commented, "When Grant ordered General Custer to the West in order to get the general out of the way of the investigating committees of Congress, he little imagined how successfully he was about to dispose of Custer. The dead general was a brave and able officer, and his death will be greatly regretted."

The next day the *Constitution* elaborated on its views in an editorial: ". . . The Indian war which has been brooding there (in the West) for years, has at length found bloody inauguration. . . He (the Indian) resists and will fight to the end against further wrongs. The government will quiet him, possibly extinguish him, and all will soon be lost in tradition that now lends him a sublimity of character which does not belong to him in a state of nature."

Disobeyed Orders

The newspapers' initial inclination to treat Custer as a hero was kept in check as details of circumstances surrounding the battle became known. Army officials said Custer disobeyed orders. The San Francisco *Chronicle* commented on July 9: "We think that it appears too clearly from these dispatches . . . that Custer fell a victim to his own rashness and his ambition to gather for himself and his special command the laurels of the campaign. . ."

The newspapers of the country had fun with the Custer story. They realized it was tremendously interesting to the reading public. They also demonstrated that they could make or break heroes, as they first enhanced Custer's reputation and then chipped away at it.

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'FAUST' PONY EXPRESS MONUMENT**Impressive Ceremonies Mark SUP Dedication at Vernon On July 4***By Harold H. Jenson
SUP National Historian*

It is altogether fitting and proper at this time to open the attar of roses and sprinkle its essence over the good folks of the Vernon Ward in Tooele County for their splendid cooperation and leadership in the dedication of the Pony Express monument at near-by Faust on July 4.

It was an impressive and inspiring event due to the enthusiasm and organizational skills of such pioneer devotees as Bishops D. J. and Kenneth Frederickson, Roy Davis who donated the Highway 26 property and helped to build the monument and especially to Kenneth P. Rasmussen, chairman of the SUP Trails & Landmarks Committee who took the initiative on the project and got the structure ready for the dedication.

Preceding the program, given under the trees at the ward chapel, was Vernon's traditional July 4 parade and, as always, this one was skillfully arranged, quite in tune with the times and charming with its several beautiful floats.

The Program

Opening the program was a trio by Sidney, Linda and Vickie Pehrson with Bob Hunger as accompanist. Invocation was by Temple Quarry Chapter Historian Kenneth B. Brady. Bishop Kenneth Frederickson and Ken Rasmussen spoke words of welcome.

"Keeping Alive Our Pioneer Heritage" was the subject of a splendid address by former Bishop Deverial J. Frederickson. He told the story of the old Faust Pony Express stop.

This reporter was honored to speak on the "Colorful Conquest of the Pony Express" and review the amazing exploits of these heroic riders and pay them a deserving tribute. Appreciation was expressed also to Horace A. Soren-



Mormon Battalion detail, under Col. Marvin E. Smith at Faust Monument Dedication.

sen, president of the Pony Express for providing the souvenir programs.

Mr. Sorensen accepted the monument in behalf of Pony Express and praised all who had a part in restoring the original structure, long after it had been destroyed by vandals.

Other Features

Mr. Davis, Coretta Castagna and the two Bishops Fredericksons were presented Pony Express insignia markers. Introduced to the more than 300 in attendance was Col. Marvin E. Smith, commander of the Mormon Battalion who had a detail of M.B. members on hand to take care of the flag ceremonies. National SUP President Eugene P. Watkins was given a rousing round of applause when introduced.

Modern-day Pony Express rid-

**Philosophy Of A
Mormon Pioneer**

The inspired philosophy of a Mormon pioneer found among his writings and sayings, is given eloquent yet simple expression in these lines:

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ers Roger Durrant and Steven Larsen put some extra life in the festivities when they rode in with a message for Milton V. Backman from Chaplain Roy Chipman of the Sandy Chapter . . . The event was well covered by the Tooele Transcript in story and pictures . . . The meal at the chapel was sumptuous, thanks to the ward Relief Society ladies . . . Responsible for the original Faust P.S. marker was George Q. Morris and Dr. Howard R. Driggs, both long since deceased . . . Horace Sorensen, James P. (Jim) Sharp and this historian recovered the original plaque and took it to the Pioneer Village for safe keeping . . . The SUP and Mormon Battalion were especially favored to have as a distinguished participant on the dedication program, Elder Eldred G. Smith, presiding patriarch to the Church, who gave a most impressive and inspirational dedicatory prayer.

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By Nick Kozak
In The Salt Lake Tribune

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Bulldozers scooped away hundreds of yards of topsoil from around the building, and the demolition was begun. With the touch of the blade the soft adobe corners of the building gave way.

Only A Memory Now

Slowly the mechanical monster chewed away at the foundation, walls and once-burned beams and pushed the debris into a nearby "grave". On the last day of June 1970, the historic old edifice was a memory, with only the topsoil returned to the building site.

But its history remains in the books about how the builders persevered, and progressed — then saw the enterprise fold before modern advancement.

The original cost was about \$10,000. The building was 82 x 45 feet with two levels. Manufacturing in the tannery was under the supervision of Abraham Hillam.

In July 1878 the U.S. assessor levied a tax against the institution for \$10,200. The money was borrowed and the assessment met. Subsequent reverses however, brought about an indebtedness of \$53,200 crippling the coop. On

Nov. 1, 1895, all properties belonging to the company were assigned to A.E. Snow.

Final Failure

Mr. Snow in an effort to re-establish the enterprise, bought the cooperative stock for 10 cents on the dollar, but the business never revived. Thereupon, all departments were taken over by the supervisors on a privately-owned and operated basis.

Shortly after the turn of the century the tannery was vacated and the Brigham City Home Guard Cavalry unit used it for a stable and storage place. Motorization of the cavalry ended this use. On Jan. 22, 1966 a fire swept through the upper level of the building and destroyed the roof. Thereafter it was declared a safety hazard for children.

The building was owned by the Ben Call estate. Brigham City Mayor Ole Zundel obtained the permission of nine members of the family to raze the pioneer landmark.

Mortuary 100 Years Old Shows Off Its First Hearse

The Berg Mortuary of Provo, Utah, marked its centennial anniversary with a special salute to the mayors of Provo, Springville, and Orem during the Provo Fourth of July parade.

The mortuary was founded by Ole Berg, a Norwegian cabinet-maker, who came to Utah in 1866. Because of his skill as an artisan with wood, he was called to build coffins and in 1870 the demand resulted in his founding the mortuary. Four generations have participated in the family firm since that time, extending the business to Springville and Orem.

Mrs. Flora Berg Jenkins of Whittier, Calif. daughter of Ole, rode in the parade in a funeral buggy used by her father. A century-old, horse-drawn hearse, also was displayed in the parade. It was an exact replica of the first coach used by the mortuary firm at the time of its founding.



Once rising purposely as Brigham City's pioneer tannery (1870) one hundred years later, its charred adobe brick ruins became mark for the demolition bulldozers.

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HOW THEY GOT THE NAME

Colorful and Picturesque Places In Utah and the Mountain West

By T. W. (Mack) Woolley

Great Basin is the name first applied by Captain John C. Fremont to the area extending from the Wasatch Mountains on the east to the Sierra Nevada on the



west; a region characterized by inland drainage aridity of climate and comparatively scanty flora and fauna.

Fremont chose the adjective "great" to describe the extent, one sixth of the area of the United States, and topographical importance of the Great Basin. Sovereignty of the Great Basin, together with the remainder of Nauveo Mexico and Alta California passed from Mexico to the United States, February 2, 1848.

Ibapah, (Tooele County), in Deep Creek Valley north of Goshute Reservation, was an Indian village site, later a ranch hamlet. Ai-bim-pa is the original Gosiute form of the word; Chamberlin gives this etymology: ai-bi for "clay," an adjectival ending, and pa wor "water." The water there is tinged with clay silt. His infor-

mant thus explained the origin of the aboriginal name. Ibapah is the Americanized version.

Jensen (Uintah County) is a village at the west end of the Green River crossing of Highway 40. A five-mile, terminal road leads northward from Jensen to the museum and quarry in Dinosaur National Monument. This crossing was named for Lars Jensen who settled here in 1877 and started a ferry service across the Green in 1885.

King's Peak (in Duchesne County), 13,498 feet, is the highest point in Utah; it is on the crest of the central High Uintas. King's Peak was named for Clarence King, geologist, one of the original members and first head of the United States Geological Survey in 1879.

Little Salt Lake (Iron County), is a thin, brakish sheet in the sink of Parowan Valley. Red Creek and Center Creek drain into it. Parowan Lake is the colloquial name. Little Salt Lake was named in contrast to Great Salt Lake in early exploratory times. The informant, Wootz Parashontz, gave the Pah Ute name as Paragoon, which implies "vile water;" and this word is the root of the name of the village to its southeast, Paragoonah; also, the name Parowan has evolved from Paragoons,

Who Said That About Ophir Being Ghost Town?

OPHIR, Tooele County — "Ophir Railroad Days" was revived as part of this erstwhile booming mining town's Pioneer Days observance. The celebration consisted essentially of a parade in which more people marched than watched.

Sixty-five citizens of the town's 85 population marched down Main Street headed by three "old-timers" and their children and the Fire Department of six members. The celebration was to allay the general impression that Ophir is a "ghost town."

"This activity," the mayor explained, "is to remind our folks who have moved away, that we are still 'Ophirs' and alive and breathing."

"marsh people," the name of the Pi-Ede band living near the Paragoon.

Mount Nebo (Juab County), 11,928 feet, is the dominating block of the Wasatch Range in central Utah. The Wasatch Mountains, as a single chain, terminate with this headland. This conspicuous mountain in the Utah landscape was named by Mormon pioneers from the highest mountain in the Biblical scene east of the Jordan in Moab — Mount Nebo.

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Historical Highlights

By Harold H. Jenson
SUP Historian

"The Pioneer" edition of July received high praise from the people of Vernon, Tooele County, who attended the dedication of the Faust Pony Express Monument. The Tooele Transcript did a top-rate job reporting and illustrating the story. Our kindly, generous Monte Felt, who goes around giving people nice little souvenirs, handed out appropriate flag clasps to the menfolk and the ladies of SUP and Mormon Battalion officers received strands of pearls.

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Our congratulations to Mrs. Oscar A. Kirkham, former president of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, who celebrated her 90th birthday recently with an open house in the DUP Museum Building. She is a cheerful, personable and charming lady beloved by all who know her. Remember her famous husband: member of the Seven Presidents of the Seventy, nationally-renowned Scout, and musician? He wrote a march tune for the Mormon Battalion which was used for awhile, whereupon all the copies mysteriously disappeared. Anybody have a copy?

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The Boxelder Tabernacle continues to stand as one of the marvels of the architectural art and a delightful pioneer landmark. It is one of the best-kept and neatest spots in the state. In its new red coat it is a natural tourists attraction. The stake operates an information booth there and gives out numerous tracts, brochures and pamphlets.

At the Boxelder Chapter banquet, Mrs. Berniece Anderson Gibbs and Nathan Nazer who kept alive the Golden Spike ceremony which has been so popular with tourist of that area, received special commendation.

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Brigham City's new Community Center is a distinct credit to that fine city and the State of Utah. Mayor Zundell, Blane Olson and the other members of the City Council must be congratulated in this outstanding achievement. The edifice houses the SUP & DUP Museum downstairs and there are two rooms, one for oldsters and one for youngsters, used as workshops and exhibit rooms, also a luxurious lounge and banquet room. The center will be dedicated on Brigham's famous Peach Day.

This reporter is indebted to Jim Miller, the veteran SUP historian and pioneer story writer, for the invitation to speak at the Brigham City Chapter meeting of July 6 and to the Salt Lake City Chapter for the loan of the trek movies taken in 1947.

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How these SUP folks do get around! Sheldon Brewster and his party have just completed a "Round The World Tour" and it was reported that a good time was had by all . . . Pres. Kenneth P. Rasmussen's Temple Quarry Chapter made a trip to Southern Utah and to Death Valley . . . The Mormon Battalion also took a jaunt to old Camp Floyd (near Cedar Fort - Fairfield) where Johnston's Army was camped for awhile after it decided not to fight the Mormons.

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The Cedar City Chapter SUP has elected these leaders for the 1969-1970 season: left to right—George W. Jones, chaplain; Henry P. Dotson, secretary-treasurer; George Croft, historian; Orville Isom, judge advocate; J. Cal Robb, 3rd vice presi-

dent; Carl Harrison, 2nd vice president; Frank J. Petty, president; Otto Fife, immediate past president; Elwood Corry, 1st vice president. These officers have planned a most inviting schedule of events for their regime.

Cedar Chapter Joins Iron County Historical Group On Arizona Trek

By Chapter Correspondent

A long-to-be remembered trip for the Cedar City Chapter of Sons of Utah Pioneers and their wives, in conjunction with the Iron County Chapter of the Utah Historical Society, took place April 25 when 50 members met at 8:30 a.m. and boarded a bus and several private cars for a visit to Colorado City, 65 miles south of Cedar City on the Arizona Strip.

In Hurricane, Sam Barlow, sheriff of Colorado City and his brother, Dan, boarded the bus with us. They, along with one of our group, Lehi Jones, who was familiar with that country, having run cattle in that country 52 years before, explained points of interest along the way. Learning a little of the history and having places of interest pointed out to us made it a delightful ride.

Famous Alfalfa Fields

On reaching Colorado City, Mr. Barlow drew our attention to some of the fine alfalfa fields there, explaining that a careful yearly program of fertilizing the fields had made them some of the best producing fields in the country. We visited the beautiful Red Cliffs picnic area about two miles above town, where a big wagon pulled by a team of Percheron horses, took those who wanted to go, up a nearby canyon to the source of the city water supply. The more hardy of the men rode saddle horses furnished for that purpose.

Once back at the picnic area, the group went together to town where a sumptuous dinner had been prepared for our party and other visitors at the privately-owned and operated Colorado City Academy. We were much

impressed with this school building; the greater part of its construction having been done by the school boys and girls.

Choral Recital

In the multi-purpose room we were welcomed by President Johnson and other leaders of Colorado City. The beautifully arranged tables with home grown spring flowers and ivy were set for approximately 85 people who enjoyed the friendly, excellent service and the delicious turkey dinner. The highlight of the occasion was the beautiful music furnished during the dinner hour by a mixed chorus of 86 school boys and girls, whose well trained voices and their songs of home, country, and church thrilled us all.

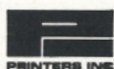
It was an occasion we will long remember, and we are indebted to all the citizens of Colorado City and our trek planners Clifton Chatterely, Frank Petty, and Henry Dotson, and all of those who participated, to make it such an outstanding day for each of us.

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THE SAGA OF 'CHINA POLLY'

Pawn In Poker Game Becomes 'Angel Of Salmon River'

By Charles Kelly
Noted Historian Of The Frontier
In "The Pony Express"

IT WAS NOT UNTIL late late 1860 and early 1870 that Idaho began to be prospected for gold, mostly by men who had failed to find profitable claims in California or Montana. Among the early prospectors were two men who had done placer mining in California.

Arriving on the Salmon River they tried out their gold pans on the sands of the river and were surprised to find traces of gold. The gold was not too plentiful anywhere along the river but enough was found to be reasonably profitable almost anywhere.

Panning gold on the Salmon River was somewhat different than in California. The banks of the river were covered with black volcanic boulders and the high water of spring deposited sand among these boulders, all of which sand contained a small amount of gold. In order to pan this sand many black boulders had to be moved and the sand which had accumulated around them during high water was carefully gathered and eventually panned in the river. The sand was not plentiful and much labor was expended in moving the black boulders in order to get at the gold bearing sand. In time many miners arrived on the Salmon River and this movement was called the Salmon River Gold Rush.

As time went on the Chinese heard of the Salmon River gold rush and they began to move into the area in increasing numbers, until nearly all the river banks were lined with placer miners. Like all Chinese, these miners to gamble, and most of them lost their gold dust to a certain Chinaman, who happened to be a professional and successful gambler, whose name was Hong Kong. Eventually this gambler had accumulated considerable gold and started a store where he sold Chinese goods to the many miners along the river.

Soon this gambler became quite



HOME OF POLLY BEMIS ON SALMON RIVER

WHEN VISITED by Dr. R. G. Frazier and Author Kelly in 1939, above cabin was still there, six years after her death. Underbrush had taken over and things in general had gone back to nature. Her garden and fences around them were still in evidence. A couple of woolen cloths she had hung up were still there, and miraculously the cabin was not burned down. Fruit trees needed cultivation and weeds everywhere had taken growth in the fertile ground.

—The Pony Express

prosperous according to Chinese standards and sent back to China for a slave girl, who eventually arrived on the river. She was 18 years old and could speak no English but was fairly attractive according to Chinese standards.

Hong Kong Meets His Nemesis

On the river and living at the same camp as the Chinese merchant was a man known as Charles A. Bemis, who considered himself a very good gambler. In fact, gambling was his one great passion and he liked to gamble with the Chinese miners, because he usually won. This continued for a considerable time.

Eventually Bemis got into a poker game with the Chinese merchant, who was also a very successful gambler. As the game progressed Bemis continued to win consistently. He first won all of the gold dust the Chinaman had; then he won the Chinese store, which left the merchant with only one asset—his Chinese slave girl. After drawing what he thought was a very good poker hand he finally decided to wager

his slave girl on the turn of the cards. He turned up three aces but it happened Bemis held four of a kind and the Chinaman lost his girl to Bemis.

Her Chinese name was Lulu Nat Hoy, but he called her "China Polly," by which she became known to all the prospectors along the river. She lived with him at his camp in Warren, did his cooking, mended his clothes and became very useful to Bemis, who had never married. He was about 48 years old at this time.

Never Gambled His Girl

Bemis continued gambling but apparently never gave the Chinaman an opportunity to get his girl back. One day he was engaged in a game with other miners when a quarrel arose. Bemis was accused of cheating and was shot in the chest. Everyone expected him to die in a few minutes, but he did not die immediately, and Polly took him to their camp and carefully nursed him back to health after a long illness. During this (see CHINA POLLY, next page)

'China Polly' Became the Angel Of Idaho's Salmon River Frontier

(continued from preceding page)

time Bemis fell in love with his Chinese nurse and later they were legally married. One day Bemis was playing poker with one of the placer miners, Johnny Cox, a half-breed Indian, in the saloon he had recently opened. The Indian lost. Next morning Cox came back and demanded the money he had lost. Bemis refused his demand and the breed shot him in the face, the bullet entering just below the right eye. Bemis bled very profusely and a messenger was sent to Grangeville for a doctor. When he arrived he pronounced the case hopeless and returned, after collecting a fee of \$500. Polly, who witnessed the shooting, put Bemis on a door and had him carried to his camp, where she cleaned the wound and eventually nursed him back to health after an illness of three months.

Polly had been admitted to the United States under a work permit such as was issued to laborers on the Central Pacific Railroad. When her permit expired Bemis married her to prevent her return to China, and the marriage certificate was dated August 3, 1894.

Chinese Become Numerous

The Chinese eventually became so numerous along Salmon River that the white miners held a meeting and voted to run off all Chinese along the river, before they took over completely. This was done and all Chinese were forced to leave. All except Polly, who had married an American citizen. When the gold rush played out at their camp at Warren, they moved up river to a location on the south side of Salmon River opposite the mouth of Crooked Creek.

Here Bemis built a comfortable cabin and Polly planted a garden and orchard. They lived there the

remainder of their lives. Bemis did some placering each spring but the pickings were poor. He operated a ferry but never charged anything for crossing travelers. From all reports he and Polly were very friendly and entertained all passing travelers with much hospitality. In later years when Bemis' eyesight became impaired, Polly always accompanied him on hunting trips and routed out deer for him to shoot.

Sold Garden Products

Prospectors continued to pass up and down the river for many years and Polly furnished them with fresh vegetables and fruit, since she had the only garden on the river. They manager to live in reasonable comfort on what gold dust Bemis could wash out and the produce Polly sold. In time two prospectors, Shep and Kinkhammer located across the river at the mouth of Crooked Creek and remained until after Polly's death.

Charles A. Bemis eventually became ill with what must have been tuberculosis and during the last two years of his life was bedfast. He died in 1922.

When Dr. R. G. Frazier passed by in 1931, on his first volage down the Salmon River, Polly was living alone and was 79 years old but still active and cheerful. She had forgotten her native tongue and spoke only in pidgin English.

The two neighboring prospectors, across the river, rigged up a telephone line to her cabin and used to call her every morning to see if she was ill or needed anything. When they called one morning and there was no answer they crossed the river and found her confined to her bed. After great difficulty they got her on a horse and took her out to a small hospital in Grangeville, the nearest town, where she remained for

three months. She died on November 6, 1933.

Along With Doc Frazier

In 1939 Doc made another trip down the Salmon River and I was an invited guest. Polly had died in the meantime, but the cabin, although empty, was still in perfect condition. We explored it for souvenirs but the only relic Doc could find was an abandoned gasoline flatiron. In an ash heap back of the cabin I found an old, nickel plated sixshooter that had been through a fire, and that was the extent of our loot. I took the accompanying photo of her cabin which I hope no crazy prospector has burned down since, a fate which meets all abandoned cabins in the west.

No Services Refused

For many years China Polly had been the only woman on the Salmon River and was known to every placer miner who visited the area, some of whom remained and established themselves at convenient locations as Bemis had done. For many years Polly had provided vegetables to all the miners who passed and had become the official nurse for anyone who became sick or injured. Some came to call her the "Angel of Salmon River." She never refused anyone whether they could pay or not.

When I was there in 1939 she was gone and I regretted very much not having the opportunity to meet her because she was the most interesting character who ever lived on Salmon River.

She began her life as just a pawn in a poker game, but during her long lifetime China Polly became admired and respected by everyone who ever met her.

(Author's Note: Some information was obtained from: "River of No Return," by Robert G. Bailey; "Pioneer Days in Idaho County," by Sister Alfreda Ellensohn; and various pioneers of the Salmon River country.)

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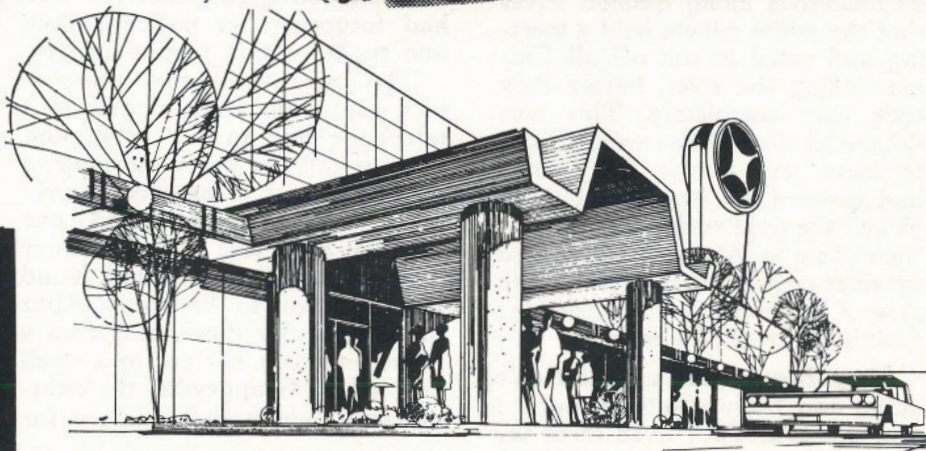
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